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USSR: Chronology of Arrests and Trials of Dissidents Since October 1979

The Soviet authorities have been highly effective in their drive to clear Moscow and other Olympic cities of dissidents and "troublemakers" before the Games begin on 19 July. Since October 1979, when the crackdown against the dissidents intensified, most of the organized groups have been decimated by arrests, imprisonment, internal exile, or forced emigration of their members. The primary targets have been the Ukrainian and Moscow branches of the Helsinki Act Monitoring Group and its affiliate, the Psychiatric Watch Commission.

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